SUNNYSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

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YOU'RE INVITED
ken hoegger, editor

MEMO TO: The SNA Tree Planting Brigade
AKA: Every resident in Sunnyside.
SUBJECT: Special tree planting drill.
TIME : Formation will be held November 6 th & 7 th at 8:00 am sharp.
PLACE : In front of General Zapp's residence at 15 Hearst Ave. at the corner of Circular.

The S.F. Tree Planting Division has just notified us that a new shipment of New Zealand Christmas Trees have arrived. We are going to plant all 63 trees on the weekend of November 6 th & 7 th. Is it true that the SNA posesses magical powers? Only when the hole digging is contracted out; we thank those who contributed money for this purpose.

The SNA Tree Brigade WANTS YOU! We still need a large turnout of residents to help with the soil mixing and general tree planting. Please call Ken Hoegger for equipment needed. 586-7400.

AND THEN After all 63 trees are planted, the SNA is going to treat itself to an Italian dinner at Ceasar's Restaurant. Whoever has the most hand blisters eats free. Everyone else pays. All residents are invited. RSVP to Jessica Denning by November 12th. 586-5676

In honor of the fine efforts of David

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PROPOSITION T the editor's editorial

San Franciscans will have a chance to change the way they elect their Board of Supervisors this November. Proposition "T" would require supervisors to be elected from each of 11 districts in the City, rather than being elected at large as they are now. The district boundary lines were the results of public meetings held all over the city where residents testified. These boundaries were chosen to preserve neighborhood integity, and to reflect common social and cultural make-up. Each precinct has between 63,000 and 67,000 residents.

Many neighborhood associations have endorsed "T". Proponents of district elections hope to bring political power back to the neighborhoods, with the result of a more responsive board and a board accountable for its actions on an individual basis. District elections will enable people without access to large amounts of money from downtown businesses to successfully compete for a seat on the board. At present it costs upwards of $50,000 to run a city wide campaign.

Currently Supervisors have no identifiable constituencies in the citizen body and are frequently beholden to the downtown business interests to whom they must turn for financial support. It is not surprising that this system results in a tax structure favoring these same downtown interests while shifting greater tax burdens onto residents.

THE CONSERVATORY thomas w. malim, sunnyside historian

Part 3: The Man Who Built the Conservatory

William Augustus Merralls was born in 1852 in Kent County, England. His father was an engineer employed in the Naval shipyard at Chatam. Young William spent all his spare time with his father, and followed his father's profession as a matter of course.

Merralls, however, became more interested in mines, and after receiving his degree he attached himself to the mining industry. Being of an inventive mind it wasn't long before he saw ways of improving the machinery being used in mining operations. The end result was his inventing several pieces of machinery which improved the efficiency of the operations, and also permitted the profitable mining of low grade ore. His machinery sold well in the industry, and soon were being used throughout the world. Later, he was to invent a gasoline engine to power his mining inventions. Sold as a package unit, he became wealthy while still a fairly young man. His gasoline engine was pronounced by diesel experts in Europe as the most advanced and efficient internal combustion of that time.

The real action in mining was in America, and Merralls traveled there, settling for a time in the Eastern part of the country, where he became a naturalized citizen. He studied the mining operations there, but found no market for his machinery, which was more oriented towards the mining of gold and other metals.

Knowing that type of operation was the basis of the economy in the Far West, he moved to San Francisco, and settled here in 1895. With his international reputation he established himself among the business world of this city, most of which was touched by gold mining in one way or another. With a gregarious personality, he also became a fixture in the social world of the Bay Area.

The wealth of the Comstock Lode had petered out, and the shafts and slopes flooded with the hot waters of the underground streams, but Merralls had arrived at an opportune time. Some small mines were still in operation working low grade ore, and were in need of machinery of the type Merrals had to offer. He invested most of his money in starting the Merralls Stamp Mill Corporation, and mauufactured his machinery, subcontracting the heavier work to local firms.

The progressive discovery of gold in Nevada areas such as Goldfield, Searchlight and Tonopah created a greater demand for his machinery, making his investment very profitable.

During this period, the New York subway system had started operating, but it was found that the heat given off by the electric motors of the trains, and the lack of proper ventilation caused a tremendous buildup of heat in the tubes. Casting about for a solution, the city fathers looked westward, sought out Merralls and engaged him to solve the problem. This he did by simply running coils of pipe along the walls of certain sections of the system. By pumping cold ground water through the pipes the heat was transferred to the water, and the warmed water was discharged into the sewer system.

Until a few years ago, parts of that system were still in use. That principle of heat transfer was the forerunner of air conditioning as we know it today.

YOUR INVITED continued

Wall and Pete Strain in saving the drought damaged Eucalyptus trees at Judson and Foerster last month, Max Deleuse offered to prepare a special cake for our Ceasar's Restaurant party. Many of these trees are over 50 years old and 50 to 60 feet high. David and Pete were able to solicit the help of City College gardeners and S.F. city departments in obtaining water for these 2 dozen endangered trees.

DO YOUR CHILDREN PLAY AT CITY COLLEGE?
david wall, correspondence secretary

Bring your youngsters to meet the Campus Police at our December 7th meeting. Many of our children have complained that they have been arbitrarily evicted from the Campus while playing innocently on City College grounds. The Campus Police Chief and his men are eager to develop a better rapport with our children. Their viewpoints will be influenced by meeting the youngsters along with their parents. Together we can display our common concern for reducing vandalism and making the college a safe and pleasant facility for all involved.

SHOULD HCI COME TO SUNNYSIDE?
david wall

Should we invite the Housing Conservation Institute (HCI) to bring their voluntary home rehabilitation program to our neighborhood? HCI has been providing a free consultation service to our Westwood park neighbors who are interested in improving their property. HCI, a privately funded non-profit corporation, is seeking grant money to expand their program. We will vote at our November meeting on requesting HCI to expand into part of Sunnyside. The program would be administered to individual home owners on a voluntary basis. Come to the meeting and let your viewpoint be heard.

THE PIPES ARE COMING! THE PIPES ARE COMING!
ellen h. wall

Within the next several years San Francisco will start building a massive pipe system to carry sewage from North Point through the city to the sewage treatment plant near the Zoo. If you do not follow the planning for this pipeline, you might wake one morning to find your neighborhood disrupted, your street impassable. The pipes are necessary. With proper planning, however;

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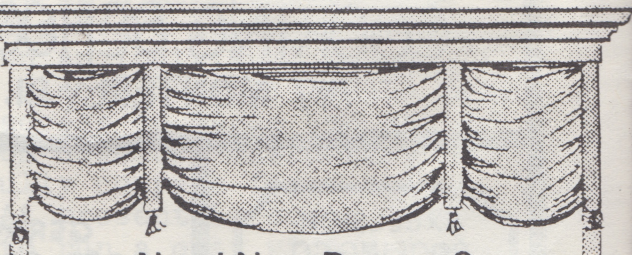
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inconvenience to neighborhoods could be kept to an acceptable minimum.

San Francisco is obligated to improve its sewage treatment system. Currently San Francisco dumps untreated sewage onto the beaches and into the Bay more than eighty times per year, making our beaches and water unsafe for recreation for a third of the year. Because of this situation, San Francisco is now subject to a partial prohibition of new construction that would involve connection to a sewer system. If San Francisco does not begin to improve its system to meet State and Federal standards, the City of San Francisco could be fined $10,000 per day.

The City does have a Master Plan for Wastewater Management, some parts of which are being implemented with currently available financing. To complete the plan with the largest possible percentage of Federal-State funding, the citizens of San Francisco are being asked to approve a $240 million bond issue in the November general election. The money would provide the city's contribution to complete the sewage system. By having this large amount of funding available, the City will be able to take advantage of the greatest amount of Federal-State money.

The bond issue contains the money for planning for the tunnels and/or trenches which will carry water and sewage from the North Point and Islais Creek Pollution Control Plants to the Ocean Plant, near the Zoo. One suggested route for the pipes roughly follows Interstate 280 to Mission Street, Alemany Blvd. and throughout surrounding neighborhoods to the Zoo. This possible route is of particular concern to the residents of OMI and surrounding neighborhoods.

To avoid enormous problems, inconvenience, and provide a logical and safe route, the citizens of San Francisco need to participate in all stages of planning. The contract for planning this part of the system is scheduled to be awarded October, 1976. Call your neighborhood Association, Mayor Moscone, or the Department of Public Works to express your willingness to participate in planning for the pipes. Keep up with the water pollution control issues by following the excellent articles in the San Francisco Progress.

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SUNNYSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND ITS FUTURE

max deleuse, vice president

Around November of 1976, the Sunnyside Elementary School will be closed for earthquake proofing. The reconstruction will take approximatley one year, during which time our children will be bussed to other schools in the Sunset district. Starting on Nov. 29th the kindergarten children will be bussed to Lawton School. December 6th the 1st & 2nd grades will be bussed to Ulloa Annex. The 3rd grade will be bussed to Francis Scott Key as of December 3rd.

In November of 1977 our children will be coming back to a newly reconstructed and painted school. Would'nt it be great if Sunnyside could be kindergarten through sixth grade and integrated through the neighborhood. (No bussing!). Early this year, School Superintendent Robert Alioto, suggested that certain schools could be integrated through the neighborhood without bussing. Prior to bussing Sunnyside School was one of a few schools that were naturally integrated.

So let's get together and do something! Attend the SNA meeting on November 9th at 8:00pm and make your views known about integrating our school within the neighborhood. Mr. Allen Cebanks, Principal of Sunnyside School, will be our guest speaker.

SNA CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 9th	1)Vote on Housing Conservation Institute 2)"Sunnyside Elementary School and its Future", guest speaker, Mr. Allen Cebanks, Principal of Sunnyside Elementary School
DECEMBER 7th	Children and parents meeting with City College Campus Police
JANUARY 4th	"Home Improvement Fraud", guest speaker from the District Attorney's office.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 8:00, at Saint Finn Barr's Hall, located at Edna and Hearst. Our November meeting was changed to the 9th because of the November 2nd elections.

DUES ARE DUE

YEARLY MEMBERSHIP DUES COVERING SEPT 76-77 will be gratefully received by Louise Sandstrom our Treasurer, 274 Staples, SF 94112

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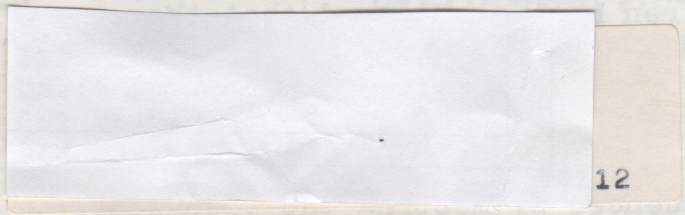

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